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**Aiming High in Nottinghamshire
DCATCH - Disabled Children's
Access to Childcare**



Are you the
parent/carer of a
disabled child or
young person?



Are you
currently
working?



Do you need
childcare?

How DCATCH can help you ...

Nottinghamshire County Council has been awarded Aiming High Pathfinder status by the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF).

This funding is to support parents of disabled children, who work, want to return to work or attend a vocational training course.

We have set up the DCATCH project to look at ways to improve childcare services for disabled children and young people.

We can support families who have older disabled children aged 14-19, or children with severe and complex health needs, with their childcare.

Our Brokerage Manager meets the family to discuss their childcare needs and arranges an individual childcare package for the family. She will try to use current links as far as possible, for example short breaks, to aid continuity of care. She will complete the project paperwork and remain as a link with the family.

Families who are supported through the project will pay towards the cost of childcare at the local rate; costs over and above this will be covered by DCATCH funding.

The DCATCH project is a pathfinder pilot funded until March 2011. Families included in the project will continue to be supported after March 2011 but the level or type of service may vary according to the findings of the pathfinder pilot and future government funding.

Is your family eligible for support?

To be eligible for the DCATCH project, you must fulfil the following criteria:

- The child/young person is resident in Nottinghamshire and is accessing services in Nottinghamshire (requests for services outside Nottinghamshire will be considered on a case by case basis)
- Parent/s are in employment, returning to work or attending a vocational training course in order to return to work; in the case of two parent families this applies to both parents
- The support requested reflects the working or training hours of the parent/s (normally between 7 am and 7 pm)

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Severe and/or complex healthcare needs	Older children/young people
The child/young person is aged 0 to 19 and, if over the age of 5, is in education	The young person is between 14 and 19 and in education
The child/young person can't access group care because of their complex/health care needs	The young person is unable to access full time group provision appropriate for their age and stage of development